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CHAFEE PRAISES STATE PLANNING COUNCIL VOTE

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee reacted today to unanimous vote of the planning council to take down the old Jamestown Bridge:

“I am pleased that the State Planning Council voted today to take down the old Jamestown Bridge. For aesthetic as well as safety reasons, removal of the bridge is a top priority of mine. As long as the old bridge remains standing, it will continue to deteriorate and pose a hazard to boaters, shippers, and those who live near the structure. It is also an eyesore to visitors to our lovely state. The bridge removal project has been endorsed by the State of Rhode Island, the towns of Jamestown and North Kingstown and the Federal Government. I was able to secure \$5 million in the 2004 Transportation Appropriations bill to fund demolition that should begin as soon as possible”